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PARIS FOR US DELEGATION UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, TOCY, BF, US
SUBJECT: UNESCO MARINE PROJECT POLYMODE

1. DCM RECEIVED AFTERNOON JULY 6 TELEPHONE CALL FROM
MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMSEC RUSSELL WHO STATED
THAT UNESCO PARIS HAD SOME WEEKS AGO REQUESTED GCOB
PERMISSION FOR ONE-DAY VISIT TO NASSAU BY USA/USSR
SPONSORED JOINT MARINE PROJECT POLYMODE. ACCORDING TO
RUSSELL, THE REQUEST FROM UNESCO STATED THAT THE SHIP
WOULD BE IN NASSAU HARBOR ON JULY 13 WHERE IT WOULD
TAKE ABOARD FIVE MARINE SCIENTISTS SELECTED FROM
NATIONS IN CARIBBEAN AREA. THE FIVE SCIENTISTS WOULD
STAY ABOARD FOR A 5-DAY CRUISE OFF THE LESSER ANTILLES.

2. PURPOSE OF CRUISE WOULD BE TO STUDY CURRENTS IN
THE AREA IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN EAST OF THE WEST INDIES.
IN ADDITION, BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE
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TEN LOCAL SCIENCE TEACHERS WHO WOULD BOARD THE VESSEL
ON THE 13TH FOR A ONE-DAY SEMINAR. RUSSELL STATED
THAT THE RESEARCH VESSEL WAS ASSIGNED THE NAME
AKADEMIK VERNADSKY. IN MESSAGE RECEIVED BY LOCAL
SHIPPING AGENT FARRINGTON SHIPPING LINES AND SHOWN
TO RUSSELL TODAY, FARRINGTON WAS TOLD THAT "PART OF
THE SEMINAR SHOULD BE DONE IN THE TONGUE OF THE

OCEAN AND OFF THE AREA OF THE BIMINI ISLANDS." IN ADDITION, MESSAGE STATED THAT TWO POLISH CAMERAMEN WHO HAD BOARDED THE VESSEL IN PHILADELPHIA WOULD BE ON BOARD. MESSAGE STATED THAT ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. ROBERT HEINMEILLER, POLYMODE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ROOM 54/18 14, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS.

3. RUSSELL VOICING SUSPICIONS OF ANY ACTIVITY BY THE SOVIET UNION, EVEN THOSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES, QUERIED IF EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF POLYMODE'S INTENDED PRESENCE IN THE TONGUE OF THE OCEAN/BIMINI ISLAND AREA AND SPECIFICALLY IF THE AUTC AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN INFORMED. DCM INFORMED RUSSELL THAT WE WOULD BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT AND DOD AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH SOONEST. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT COULD SUPPLY US ON THE IMPENDING VISIT AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER DOD HAS ANY OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS ON VESSEL'S PRESENCE IN CITED AREAS WHICH WE COULD CONVEY TO MINEXAFF.
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